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Henry S. Jennings, Director
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Re: Agenda for June 13, 2008 Meeting

Dear Mr. Jennings,

Thank you for forwarding the Draft Agenda to me. The following are my comments for inclusion in the Final Agenda for the Pesticide Control Board meeting on June 13, 2008 regarding the LincolNville lawn care pesticide incident as it is characterized on the Draft Agenda (Item #4) that you forwarded to me. My comments point out that the Turf BMP recommendations were ignored by the Landscape Company (LC) as follows:

Site Assessment - Note presence of sensitive areas on and off site.

My comment:

The LC applied the pesticide product at storm drains, wetlands and at the community's drinking water well without regard for "buffer zones" whether recommended by BMP or mandated by law. Storm drains on the site carry runoff directly into Duck Trap Cove which is Maine State Water.

Operating Standards - Check for presence of people or pets and check for sensitive individuals nearby.

My comment:

The Condo Community had, at the time of the application, three dogs in residence and several households with critically ill people (at least one of whom was undergoing chemotherapy). No notice was given prior to the application.

- Always check for spills.

My Comment:

There was a pile of the product at the end of my drive way which was sniffed at by one of the neighbor's dogs and which I swept up and disposed of before reading that the product should have been handled as a hazardous material. It was several hours after the application that I received the label information from the LC via The Condo Community's management company.

Thank you for including these comments in your discussion at the June 13, 2008 meeting.

Sincerely,

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